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SUBJECT: IEA: PREPARATION FOR PRODUCER/CONSUMER  
DIALOGUE

FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF SECRETARIAT NOTE IEA/GB(75)42  
CONCERNING PREPARATION FOR PRODUCER/CONSUMER DIALOGUE,  
BASED ON JUNE 11 GB MEETING.

BEGIN TEXT:

THE DRAFT PAPER ATTACHED AS ANNEX I, DRAWN UP BY  
THE CHAIRMAN OF THE GOVERNING BOARD AND SUMMARIZING THE  
DISCUSSION OF THE BOARD, SETS FORTH A NUMBER OF  
CONSIDERATIONS FOR REOPENING THE DIALOGUE BETWEEN OIL  
PRODUCING AND OIL CONSUMING COUNTRIES, AS DISCUSSED BY  
THE GOVERNING BOARD AT ITS MEETING ON JUNE 11TH, 1975.  
THE CHAIRMAN OF THE GOVERNING BOARD HAS DISCUSSED  
THESE PRINCIPLES WITH OFFICIALS OF THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT.  
IT IS INTENDED THAT THE UNITED STATES, THE EUROPEAN  
COMMUNITY (AFTER INTERNAL DISCUSSION) AND JAPAN WILL  
MAKE DIPLOMATIC DEMARCHES IN FAVOR OF REOPENING THE  
DIALOGUE TO THE OTHER GOVERNMENTS WHICH PARTICIPATED IN  
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THE PREPARATORY MEETING IN PARIS IN APRIL 1975. IN

THESE DEMARCHES, THEY WILL REFLECT THE SUBSTANCE OF THESE CONSIDERATIONS AS THEIR OWN POSITION AND AS THE POSITION THEY BELIEVE TO BE HELD BY OTHER IEA COUNTRIES. IT IS ALSO INTENDED THAT THE CHAIRMAN OF THE GOVERNING BOARD WILL INFORMALLY MAKE THEM KNOWN, AS A MATTER OF INFORMATION ONLY, TO THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THOSE GOVERNMENTS TO THE KINGDOM OF BELGIUM. IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT THESE CONSIDERATIONS WILL ALSO BE REFLECTED BY THE HOST COUNTRY TO INTERESTED GOVERNMENTS.

IF GOVERNMENTS OF IEA MEMBER COUNTRIES WISH TO COMMENT ON THE ATTACHED DRAFT, THEY SHOULD DO SO PREFERABLY IN WRITING, NOT LATER THAN WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18TH BY CONTACTING MR. HOPKINS IN THE IEA SECRETARIAT.

IN ADDITION, THE GOVERNING BOARD:

- REFLECTED A CONSENSUS THAT REAL NEGOTIATIONS ON THE MAIN DIALOGUE TOPICS TO BE SUCCESSFUL WILL NEED THE DEVELOPMENT OF HARMONIZED POSITIONS BY THE PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES ON THE VARIOUS SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES, AND IN PARTICULAR A GENERAL UNDERSTANDING OF THE BASIC CONCEPTS INVOLVED IN EACH ISSUE.

- REQUESTED THE SECRETARIAT, BEFORE THE NEXT MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BOARD

- (A) TO PREPARE A STUDY ON THE SUBSTANTIVE ENERGY ISSUES TO BE DISCUSSED IN THE DIALOGUE, IN PARTICULAR TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE BROADER QUESTION OF HOW TO INTEGRATE THE ECONOMIES OF THE OIL PRODUCING COUNTRIES WITH THOSE OF THE DEVELOPED CONSUMERS SO AS TO IMPROVE GENERAL WORLD ECONOMIC STABILITY, AS WELL AS THE MORE IMMEDIATE QUESTIONS OF OIL PRICE AND SUPPLY;

- (B) IN CO-ORDINATION WITH OTHER PARTS OF THE OECD SECRETARIAT, TO CONSIDER THE QUESTION OF THE COMPOSITION OF THE VARIOUS COMMISSIONS AND DEVELOP OBJECTIVE CRITERIA FOR SELECTING PARTICIPANTS;

- (C) TO PREPARE A DRAFT OF TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE ENERGY COMMISSION, WITH APPROPRIATE OPTIONS.

#### ANNEX I

CONSIDERATIONS FOR REOPENING THE PRODUCER-CONSUMER DIALOGUE  
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1. MEMBER COUNTRIES OF THE IEA BELIEVE THAT ACTIVE MEASURES SHOULD BE TAKEN TO REOPEN THE DIALOGUE BETWEEN OIL PRODUCING AND OIL CONSUMING COUNTRIES (DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING ALIKE) ON QUESTIONS OF ENERGY, COMMODITIES AND DEVELOPMENT. BY MAKING THIS DECISION, MEMBER COUNTRIES RECOGNIZE THE POLITICAL NECESSITY OF TACKLING THESE TWO LATTER ISSUES WITH A RENEWED SENSE OF PURPOSE.
2. THE IEA MEMBER COUNTRIES WILL CONTINUE THEIR

ACTIVITIES WITHIN THE IEA TO DEVELOP CONCERTED APPROACHES  
AND TO COORDINATE THEIR POSITIONS, AS TO THE OVERALL  
STRATEGY, TACTICS AND PROCEDURES FOR REOPENING THIS  
DIALOGUE.

3. IN THE MEANTIME, THE SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES WILL BE  
ADDRESSED

- AS TO ENERGY, IN THE IEA

- AS TO COMMODITIES AND DEVELOPMENT, IN THE

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RESPECTIVE AD HOC AND HIGH LEVEL GROUPS RECENTLY CREATED  
IN THE OECD TO STUDY THESE ISSUES.

4. WHATEVER FORM OF MEETING IS CHOSEN TO REOPEN THE  
DIALOGUE, THE OBJECTIVES OF THE MEETING MUST BE CLEARLY  
STATED IN ADVANCE, AND IT MUST BE PREPARED AND ORGANIZED  
IN SUCH A MANNER, THAT THE PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES CAN  
BE SATISFIED BEFORE THE MEETING THAT WILL REACH A  
SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION.

5. THERE IS NO NEED AT THIS PARTICULAR MOMENT TO DECIDE

UPON THE EXACT FORMAT FOR SUCH A MEETING.

6. HOWEVER, AT THIS TIME THE IEA MEMBER COUNTRIES HAVE A MARKED PREFERENCE FOR A MEETING IN THE SAME FORMAT AS THE PARIS PREPARATORY MEETING AND WITH THE OBJECTIVE OF DETERMINING THE COMPOSITION AND TIMING OF A SUBSEQUENT MEETING IN A BROADER FORMAT TO DECIDE UPON THE STRUCTURE AND MAJOR STOPICS FOR DISCUSSION IN THE DIALOGUE. THEY BELIEVE THAT SUCH A PROCEDURE WOULD HAVE THE FOLLOWING ADVANTAGES:

- AS FAR AS THE IEA IS CONCERNED, THE DIALOGUE WAS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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INITIATED BY THE PREPARATORY MEETING IN THE AVENUE KLEBER; THIS WILL BE CONFIRMED IF THE DISCUSSION IS RESUMED IN THE SAME FORUM

- SUCH A MEETING COULD BE HELD RELATIVELY QUICKLY WITHOUT FURTHER NEGOTIATION AS TO PARTICIPATION AND WITHOUT SPENDING THE TIME REQUIRED TO DEVELOP DETAILED POSITIONS ON STRUCTURE AND AGENDA;

- THE PARTICIPANTS BEING KNOWN IT COULD BE ADEQUATELY PREPARED IN ADVANCE SO AS TO ASSURE ITS SUCCESS

- THE HOST COUNTRY CAN ASSIST IN ACHIEVING THESE OBJECTIVES.

7. THE NEXT STAGE WOULD BE THE MEETING OF THE GROUP OF 26/27 COUNTRIES WHOSE COMPOSITION WAS AGREED IN PRINCIPLE DURING THE AVENUE KLEBER MEETING. ON THE BASIS OF PROPOSALS AGREED WITHIN THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE (10), THE NEW GROUP WOULD MAKE FORMAL DECISIONS TO LAUNCH THE WORK OF THE COMMISSIONS, WHOSE TASK WOULD BE TO GIVE THE DIALOGUE THE CONCRETE CHARACTER WHICH HAS BECOME INDISPENSABLE.

8. AS TO THE NATURE OF THE DIALOGUE ITSELF, THE IEA MEMBER COUNTRIES BELIEVE:

- THE DIALOGUE SHOULD BE A CONTINUING, EVOLVING PROCESS WITH NO FIXED DATES OR DEADLINES FOR COMPLETING ITS WORK

- THE MAIN TOPICS (ENERGY, COMMODITIES AND DEVELOPMENT) SHOULD BE DISCUSSED SEPARATELY BY DIFFERENT "COMMISSIONS" OF APPROPRIATE COMPOSITION WHICH WILL BE RESTRICTED BUT REPRESENTATIVE

- ALL OF THE COMMISSIONS WILL BE CONSIDERED TO HAVE EQUAL STATUS, AND ALL WILL BE GIVEN EQUIVALENT POLITICAL EMPHASIS. IN PARTICULAR, IN PROPOSING THE CREATION OF SEPARATE GROUPS TO DEAL WITH THE TOPICS OF COMMODITIES AND DEVELOPMENT, THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES ACCEPT THE RESPONSIBILITY TO TAKE POSITIVE EFFECTIVE ACTION IN THOSE AREAS.

- EACH OF THESE DIFFERENT COMMISSIONS SHOULD HAVE SUFFICIENT INDEPENDENCE AND PROCEDURAL FLEXIBILITY

TO DEVELOP ITS PARTICULAR TOPIC IN WHATEVER BREADTH AND  
DEPTH THE TOPIC REQUIRES, PARTICULARLY IN THE LIGHT OF  
CHANGING CIRCUMSTANCES; AND EACH SHOULD BE FREE TO  
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DETERMINE THE NATURE, EXTENT AND TIMETABLE OF THE  
ACTIVITIES NECESSARY FOR THIS PURPOSE, WITHOUT HAVING TO  
REFER TO WHATEVER BODY CREATED IT. FOR EXAMPLE, IN THE

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COMMISSION DEALING WITH ENERGY, A TOPIC AS TO WHICH  
THERE IS LITTLE OR NO DISCUSSION IN OTHER FORA, THE  
ACTIVITIES WILL NECESSARILY BE OPERATIONAL; THE  
COMMISSIONS DEALING WITH COMMODITIES AND DEVELOPMENT,  
WILL HAVE TO RELATE THIS WORK WITH THE ACTIVITIES IN

OTHER INSTITUTIONS OR OTHER FORA WHERE THESE TOPICS ARE UNDER ACTIVE DISCUSSION.

- THE TERMS OF REFERENCE OF EACH COMMISSION SHOULD BE KEPT AS GENERAL AS POSSIBLE, IN ORDER TO PROVIDE THE NECESSARY FLEXIBILITY REFERRED TO ABOVE AND IN ORDER TO AVOID THE NECESSITY OF ADDRESSING AND RESOLVING IN ADVANCE THE SUBSTANTIVE MATTERS TO BE DEALT WITH BY THE COMMISSION ITSELF.
- EACH COMMISSION WILL KEEP ALL OTHER COMMISSIONS INFORMED OF ITS ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS, AND EACH COMMISSION WILL GIVE DUE CONSIDERATION TO THE WORK BEING DONE IN ALL OTHER COMMISSIONS.
- EACH COMMISSION COULD PERIODICALLY REPORT ITS PROGRESS TO THE GOVERNMENTS WHICH SET UP THE COMMISSIONS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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- IN PROPOSING THIS, WITHOUT SETTING UP A BINDING STRUCTURE WE RECOGNIZE THE NECESSITY OF REVIEW OF WORK BEING DONE AND OF THE INTER-RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN SUBJECTS.
  - THE COMMISSIONS WOULD NOT APPEAR TO REQUIRE A PERMANENT BUREAU, BUT CONSIDERATION SHOULD BE GIVEN TO PROVIDING EACH OF THEM WITH APPROPRIATE SECRETARIAT SERVICES
  - CONSIDERATION MIGHT BE GIVEN TO CREATING A COMMISSION TO DISCUSS THE GENERAL WORLD ECONOMIC SITUATION OR TO DISCUSS MONETARY AND FINANCIAL ASPECTS OF THE WORLD ECONOMIC SITUATION, ALTHOUGH THESE TOPICS MIGHT MORE NATURALLY AND CONVENIENTLY BE CONSIDERED IN EACH OF THE COMMISSIONS DEALING WITH THE OTHER MAIN TOPICS.
9. ON THE BASIS OF ALL SUGGESTIONS MADE WITH THE AIM OF REOPENING THE DIALOGUE, THE GOVERNING BOARD WILL REVIEW THE SITUATION AT ITS NEXT MEETING TO FIND OUT IF THE TIME HAS COME TO MAKE MORE SPECIFIC PROPOSALS. END TEXT  
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